

Program A: Louisiana State Racing Commission Program

Program Authorization: R.S. 4:141 et seq.

Program Description

The mission of the Louisiana State Racing Commission Program (LSRC) is to provide efficient, effective leadership, supervision, and administrative support necessary to operate its regulatory and administrative functions in administering and processing all horse racing activities which are described in the official Rules of Racing published by the LSRC from official statutes.

The goals of the Louisiana State Racing Commission are as follows:

1. Promote and ensure integrity in the conduct of live horse racing in the State of Louisiana.
2. Regulate all horse racing activities in Louisiana in compliance with statutes.
3. Encourage the growth of thoroughbred and quarter horse breeding in Louisiana.

The Louisiana State Racing Commission Program includes the following activities:

1. Executive Administration – Supervises and operates all of the LSRC administrative activities throughout the State of Louisiana including hiring, training, and rating employees; scheduling work assignments; forecasting revenues and pari-mutuel handle and providing information for budgets and fiscal impact reports. The duties also include the purchasing of supplies; contracting; conducting public meetings, race track approvals, off-track betting requests; scheduling and collecting fees for tests and/or fines; approval of all travel vouchers; maintaining files; and responding to requests for documents; etc.
2. Licensing and Regulation – to issue licenses and to regulate the horse racing industry in Louisiana in order to maintain an honest, controlled racing environment through the use of technology in a changing work environment caused by heavy competition in the gaming industry in Louisiana, technology advances, and changes in the racing industry itself.
3. Breeder Awards – To correctly process all funds earned for payment of breeder awards and to issue awards and pay video poker purse funds correctly and timely through the Oracle database system and computer print-outs. This includes requiring an annual spending plan from the Louisiana Thoroughbred Horse Breeders Association (LTBA) and the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association (LQBHA) for quarter horses .

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	5,340,844	5,840,923	5,840,923	5,916,817	6,044,388	203,465
Statutory Dedications	2,554,711	2,554,711	2,719,187	2,719,187	2,719,187	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$7,895,555	\$8,395,634	\$8,560,110	\$8,636,004	\$8,763,575	\$203,465
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$1,310,325	\$1,336,051	\$1,336,051	\$1,358,401	\$1,451,214	\$115,163
Other Compensation	44,199	87,072	87,072	87,072	87,072	0
Related Benefits	289,957	343,922	343,922	377,686	371,632	27,710
Total Operating Expenses	378,893	359,692	359,692	367,665	377,080	17,388
Professional Services	112,587	197,357	197,357	181,824	186,407	(10,950)
Total Other Charges	5,678,224	6,071,540	6,236,016	6,252,356	6,123,180	(112,836)
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	81,370	0	0	11,000	166,990	166,990
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$7,895,555	\$8,395,634	\$8,560,110	\$8,636,004	\$8,763,575	\$203,465
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	12	12	12	12	12	0
Unclassified	63	63	63	63	63	0
TOTAL	75	75	75	75	75	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded from Fees and Self-generated Revenues and from Statutory Dedications. Fees and Self-generated Revenues are from taxes collected on pari-mutuel wagering, admissions, occupational licenses, fines, forfeited appeal fees and examination fees. The Statutory Dedications are derived from payments of franchise fees as required for owners of video draw poker devices, and provide funding to the Video Draw Poker Device Purse Supplement Fund (Supplement Fund). The funds from the Supplement Fund are based upon the proportion of the number of thoroughbred race days conducted statewide annually. One third of the funds appropriated from the Supplement Fund are available to the LA Quarter horse Breeder Association. (Per R.S.39:32B.(8), see table below for a list).

	ACTUAL	ACT 13	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
Video Draw Poker Device Purse Supplement Fund	\$2,554,711	\$2,554,711	\$2,719,187	\$2,719,187	\$2,719,187	\$0

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$8,395,634	75	ACT 13 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$164,476	0	This BA-7 (approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget in October 2002) appropriates additional funds from the Video Draw Poker Device Purse Supplement Fund for supplement purses for Louisiana bed horses.
\$0	\$8,560,110	75	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 2, 2002
\$0	\$9,797	0	Annualization of FY 2002-2003 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$0	\$5,253	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2003-2004
\$0	(\$12,208)	0	Risk Management Adjustment
\$0	\$166,990	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$2,327	0	UPS Fees
\$0	\$164,548	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$53,172)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	(\$105,649)	0	Salary Funding from Other Line Items
\$0	\$18,683	0	Group Insurance Adjustment
\$0	\$2,440	0	Civil Service Fees
\$0	(\$19,950)	0	Other Non-Recurring Adjustments - Website startup costs
\$0	(\$18,816)	0	Other Non-Recurring Adjustments - Group Benefits premium adjustment
\$0	\$17,388	0	Other Adjustments - Increased rent in New Orleans office
\$0	\$16,580	0	Other Adjustments - Merit and Group Benefits adjustment for the Other Charges positions
\$0	\$9,000	0	Other Adjustments - Increased legal fees for the Legal Advisor to the Commission
\$0	\$254	0	Other Adjustments - Statewide adjustment for the Comprehensive Public Training Program (CPTP)
\$0	\$8,763,575	75	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$0	\$8,763,575	75	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:

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MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$0	\$8,763,575	75	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$79,360	Investigations and searches of any type, as provided by the Rules of Racing and the statutes
\$50,000	Legal services related to Racing Commission matters, personnel-related matters, and other miscellaneous services deemed necessary
\$21,000	Network creation, custom badging software enhancements, conversion from Novell to Windows 2000, and database maintenance
\$15,000	Participation in the drug testing and quality assurance program
\$12,282	Medical review officer services for human drug testing program
\$5,000	Court Reporters to record and transcribe proceedings at commission hearings
\$2,758	Travel allowances related to legal services for the Commission, including professional and expert witnesses
\$1,007	Professional and Expert Witness fees for testifying at commission hearings
\$186,407	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

\$2,719,187	Purse Supplements - Video Draw Poker Device Purse Supplement Fund
\$1,155,153	Breeders' Awards - Thoroughbreds
\$800,000	Breeders' Awards - Quarter horses
\$416,200	Chemical or other analysis on equine specimens
\$389,401	Personal Services for the fiscal, information technology, and human resources sections
\$386,801	Breeders' Awards - Off Track Betting
\$22,889	Chemical or other analysis on human specimens
\$6,000	Criminal History Checks
\$1,957	Commission Hearing Rooms - to review cases on rule infractions and to approve requests

\$5,897,588 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

\$118,777	Office of Telecommunication Management fees
\$53,836	Fees for services provided by the Department of Justice
\$32,434	Office of Risk Management fees
\$13,388	Legislative Auditor Expenses
\$2,440	Department of Civil Service fees
\$2,327	Uniform Payroll System fees
\$2,136	State Treasury fees
\$254	Comprehensive Public Training Program fees

\$225,592 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$6,123,180 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$123,500	Information technology equipment, hardware, and software, including an upgrade in badge equipment and the racing database
\$43,490	Office equipment and furniture for the additional space in New Orleans.
\$166,990	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS